



# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TO: Parish and City School Business Managers  
Type 2 and Type 5 Charter School Business Managers  
Recovery School District Business Manager  
LSU and Southern Lab School Principals  
State Agency Business Managers

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SUBJECT: 2012-2013 NCLB Maintenance of Effort Verification

To adhere to Public Law 107-110-The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, LEAs are required to annually submit to the LDE a Maintenance of Effort Verification form for the NCLB programs. To streamline this process and reduce the burden of excessive paperwork for the LEAs, the LDE launched the NCLB MOE Verification Application for 2012-2013 within the Grants Management System (eGMS) on June 8, 2012. The deadline for such submission was **July 31, 2012**.

In an effort to afford all LEAs an opportunity to submit the required forms, the NCLB MOE Verification module in eGMS has remained open for 60 days beyond the required due date. However, this module will close on October 5, 2012, and the LEAs that have not submitted their NCLB MOE Verification form must do so by that date. LEAs that do not submit their NCLB MOE Verification form by the final due date will be deemed noncompliant with the NCLB MOE Verification compliance requirement.

Public Law 107-110, Title IX – General Provisions, Part E – Uniform Provisions, Subpart 2 – Other Provisions, §9521 Maintenance of Effort.

- (a) IN GENERAL- A local educational agency may receive funds under a covered program for any fiscal year only if the State educational agency finds that either the combined fiscal effort per student or the aggregate expenditures of the agency and the State with respect to the provision of free public education by the agency for the preceding fiscal year was not less than 90 percent of the combined fiscal effort or aggregate expenditures for the second preceding fiscal year.
- (b) REDUCTION IN CASE OF FAILURE TO MEET-
  - (1) IN GENERAL- The State educational agency shall reduce the amount of the allocation of funds under a covered program in any fiscal year in the exact proportion by which a local educational agency fails to meet the requirement of subsection (a) of this section by falling below 90 percent of both the combined fiscal effort per student and aggregate expenditures (using the measure most favorable to the local agency).
  - (2) SPECIAL RULE- No such lesser amount shall be used for computing the effort required under subsection (a) of this section for subsequent years.

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